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# *Data Developments*

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## **Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 1993 Panel Longitudinal File** *[machine-readable data file] conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1997*

### **Type of File**

Microdata; unit of observation is an individual.

### **Universe Description**

The universe is the resident population of the United States, excluding persons living in institutions and military barracks.

### **Subject-Matter Description**

The file contains basic demographic, social, and economic characteristics data for each member of the household during the ten interviews of the 1992 Panel of the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). These include age, sex, race (White; Black; American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut; Asian or Pacific Islander; and Other), ethnic origin (23 categories including 7 Spanish origin categories), marital status, household relationship, education, and veteran status. Limited data are provided on housing unit characteristics such as units in structure and tenure. Core questions, which are repeated at each interview, cover monthly labor force activity, types and amounts of monthly income, and participation in various cash and noncash benefit programs for each month of the survey period. Data for employed persons include number of hours and weeks worked, earnings, and weeks without a job. Nonworkers are classified as unemployed or not in the labor force. In addition to income data associated with labor force activity, data include nearly 50 other types of income.

The file provides a set of monthly observations covering all interviews of the 1993 Panel. The time span covered by the file varies depending on the rotation group to which the respondent belongs. Since the sample was divided into four approximately equal groups or rotations and one group (having a reference period of the four previous months) was interviewed each month, the panel contains four different time spans. They are September 1993 to December 1993, October 1993 to January 1994, November 1993 to February 1994, and December 1993 to March 1994.

This documentation presents information designed to provide the basis for longitudinal household analyses using SIPP data. It contains a discussion of the ten variables which can be used to identify longitudinal households, and persons in longitudinal households. These variables are explained in more detail in the data dictionary or technical documentation.

### **Geographic Coverage**

United States. Codes are included for 41 individual States, **although the sample was not designed to produce State estimates.** Areas in the SIPP sample in nine other States are identified in three groups for confidentiality reasons.

## Technical Description

**File Structure:** This is a rectangular (flat) file with one record for each person who, at anytime during the life of the ten waves of the 1992 Panel (February 1993 to January 1996), was a member of an interviewed household.

**File Size:** The file contains 62,721 records. Each record contains 14,124 characters.

**File Sort Sequence of Sample Units:** Sampling unit sequence number by entry address ID by person number within sampling unit and reference month.

## Reference Material

*Interviewers' Manual (1985). Survey of Income and Program Participation.* U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. The manual is available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

*Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) 1993 Panel, Longitudinal File Technical Documentation.* The documentation includes this abstract, the data dictionary, an index to the data dictionary, relevant code lists, questionnaire facsimiles, and general information on SIPP.

*Survey of Income and Program Participation Users' Guide.* The *Users' Guide* contains a general overview of the file as well as chapters on survey design and content, structure and use of cross-sectional files, linking waves and reliability of the data. A single copy accompanies each technical documentation or tape order. Additional copies are available from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233.

## Related Printed Reports

Related printed reports include working papers, compilations of papers presented at annual meetings of the American Statistical Association, articles appearing in the *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*, and reports in the P-70 series of the Current Population Reports. See the *Users' Guide* that accompanies the documentation for ordering information.

## Related Electronic Data Files

SIPP files from all Waves of the 1984 through 1992 Panel, and 1993 Waves 1-9 Core and 1-8 Topical Module are available from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

## File Availability

Files are available on computer tape at 6250 bpi, ASCII or EBCDIC, and standard ANSI labeling, on CD-R(compact disc-readable), the file may also be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge. Call 301-457-4100 for price. A machine-readable dictionary is provided at the end of each file. This dictionary also is available separately on one tape reel or cartridge. Recent files may be downloaded on the Data Extraction System (DES) SURVEY-ON-CALL ([www.census.gov/DES/www/welcome.html](http://www.census.gov/DES/www/welcome.html)) in ASCII. When ordering, please use the attached order form.